

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment places the claims in the same form as was previously presented in the substitute specification filed on March 22, 2006 and is made to make minor editorial changes to claims 1, 2, 8-31, and to cancel claims 32-39. No new matter is introduced by the amendment and entry thereof is requested.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

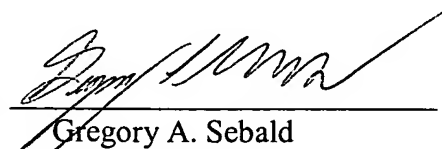
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